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Burmaster commends governor for consistent support of education

Statement by State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster on Gov. Jim Doyle's State of the State address

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster issued the following statement on Gov. Jim Doyle's State of the State address.

"Governor Jim Doyle consistently puts children first. He recognizes that work to improve their future is one of the single best investments we can make. Educated children become educated adults who participate in the social, economic, and civic life of their community.

"Parents and educators throughout our state are working hard to ensure that our students are pursuing rigorous and relevant coursework so that every child graduates prepared for higher education and the 21st century workplace. That is our New Wisconsin Promise: to make sure each and every child in Wisconsin has access to a quality public education.

"We will continue our work to raise student achievement for all students and close the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students, students of color, and their peers. We must work together to increase the number of high school, technical college, and university graduates. This will help us close the earnings gap, which raises per capita income and strengthens our economy and communities throughout Wisconsin.

"Governor Doyle recognizes that the dream and goal of postsecondary education must be within reach of more middle and high school students and their families. We must make technical college and university education more accessible and affordable to ensure Wisconsin's future economic prosperity."

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